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Re: Dockets 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 98P-0197

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. These measure are simply not enough to ensure public health.

One important way of protecting the consumer and at the same time stop needless cruelty to animals is to prohibit the forced molting of hens. This practice has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starvedhens' immune systems.

I trust that your concern on this issue will lead you to make an environmentally responsible, consumer-friendly, and humane decision.

Sincerely yours,


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